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» Drop by Bloomingdale's for a chance to win a "Gossip Girl" shopping spree.



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<b>1</b> Peanuts animator Bill Melendez, who also was the voice of Snoopy, has died at the age of 91. Any parting words?	In the immortal words of any adult in a "Peanuts" cartoon, "Bwaa mmmmmah-mmmmmawh, mmmmpaf, mwah."	He was the original Snoop Dog.	You're a good man, Bill Melendez.
<b>2</b> Oprah's mother was sued by a high-end clothing store in Brookfield, Wis., for allegedly failing to pay her \$156,000 bill. What would Oprah say?	"I've lost that much in the cushions of my couch, Ma. I'll cover it."	"O, o, no you didn't!"	"Don't worry, Mom, I'll just buy you the store."
<b>3</b> The conventions are over, but "SNL" is back next weekend. What political-themed skit do you suggest?	Sarah Palin (Amy Poehler) teaches John McCain to use the Web, and they discover naughty vids of Bristol!	Celebrity death match: Sarah Palin vs. Lynne Spears.	Tina Fey returns as Sarah Palin, who gives the Obamas advice about preventing teen pregnancy.



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Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick (left) pleaded guilty Thursday to a pair of felony obstruction charges and will resign from his position. AP

# Detroit sex scandal

## Under plea deal, mayor to quit, serve 4 months in jail

**Associated Press**

**DETROIT** Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick pleaded guilty to felony charges Thursday in a sex scandal, forcing him out of office after months of defiantly holding onto his job leading the nation's 11th-largest city. He was ordered jailed for four months and fined \$1 million.

"I lied under oath," Kilpatrick said in court.

The plea deal brings to an end a seven-month-long ordeal that has been a distraction for one of the nation's most troubled cities, which suffers from some of the highest home foreclosure and unemployment rates in the country, and has

struggled for decades against population loss, high crime and racial tension.

The Detroit city charter automatically expels any mayor guilty of a felony. Kilpatrick must announce his resignation immediately, and it will become effective in two weeks.

City Council President Ken Cockrel Jr. will succeed Kilpatrick as mayor until a special election is held.

As part of Thursday's deal, the 38-year-old Democrat is to serve four months in jail and five years of probation. He also would pay the \$1 million in restitution over the five-year probationary period.

During a separate hearing moments after Wayne County Circuit Court Judge David Groner accepted the mayor's plea, Kilpatrick offered a no contest plea in an assault case.

### THE BACKGROUND

Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, who is married, and former top aide Christine Beatty were charged in March with perjury, misconduct and obstruction of justice. They're accused of lying under oath about an affair and their roles in the firing of a deputy police chief.

Beatty did not plead guilty and next will appear in court on Sept. 11. The judge said a plea deal in Beatty's case appeared likely.

Kilpatrick leaves a mixed legacy. He persuaded big business to invest in a city staggering from the auto industry's woes and a decades-long exodus of people, but he failed to live up to a promising political future due to repeated scandal. AP

The judge also accepted that plea, which called for Kilpatrick to serve a four-month jail sentence that would run at the same time.

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## VMAs need to bring edgy back

Consider this an official SOS for the VMAs.

MTV's awards program—set to air on Sunday—has fallen upon hard times since its launch as must-see TV 25 years ago.

Sure, it received a ratings bump last year when Britney Spears imploded onstage, even inspiring a tearful defense from a mascara-streaked vlogger.

Otherwise, the VMAs' ability to leave a lasting impression has been steadily compromised since its snake-charming, celeb-skewering days.

In fact, the last broadcast I clearly remember—without the help of YouTube clips—was in 2003, and not even because of the so-called scandalous lip-lock between Madonna and Britney Spears.

No, 2003 was the year that Chris Rock showed MTV fans why he gets paid the big bucks with increasingly uncomfortable attacks on surprised celebs, including Lil' Jon, Ashton Kutcher and Eminem. It also was the year Rock articulated what the rest of us were thinking about Janet Jackson's relationship with the aesthetically challenged Atlanta producer Jermaine Dupri.

"Seeing Janet Jackson with Jermaine Dupri is like finding out about a sale a day too late," Rock famously quipped, according to the AP.

Ouch. Cringe-worthy, but captivating.

The same cannot be said for subsequent VMA broadcasts, so I don't have high hopes for Sunday's show. But there is a slight chance we can save the once edgy awards show before it plummets to the bore-fest that is the Grammys. Here are some humble suggestions from a former fan to bring the sexy back by 2009.

### Choose compelling performers

No offense to Rihanna, as I find her jagged haircut adorable and still like to echo-sing "umbrella, ella, ella, ay, ay, ay" in the shower. But the Barbados-born beauty's stage presence is less than inspiring.

Instead of tapping studio-only singers, MTV suits should seek the heat of true artists like Erykah Badu, who, this year, rightfully is nominated for several Moonmen for her dazzling "Honey" video.

### Plan the funny

Last year, hilarity ensued as Britney Spears stumbled and bumbled her way around the stage like a deer in headlights. Strike that, as deer typically move with grace. But it's unlikely that kind of gift will fall into MTV's lap twice, as most performers tend to practice. That's why MTV should carefully consider presenters who are willing to push the envelope, like in 2003, when Jack Black mercilessly mocked Michael Jackson for misinterpreting a birthday statuette from MTV as a 2002 "Artist of the Millennium" award.



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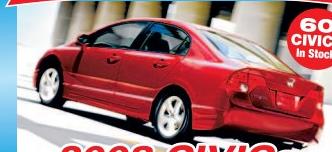
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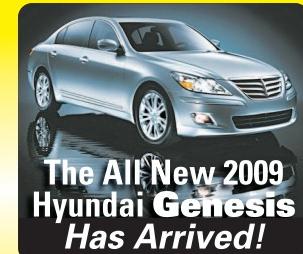
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Alton Logan (center) walks with Harold Winston (right), assistant public defender, and Logan's aunt, Barbara Cannon (left). Logan spent 26 years in prison for a murder another man admitted to carrying out. JOSE M. OSORIO/Tribune



## FBI: 'Second Hand Bandit' prolific robber

### Chicago Tribune

Federal authorities believe an aspiring clothing designer is the "Second Hand Bandit," a serial bank robber who earned his FBI moniker by wearing what appeared to be used suits and coats.

His thread-worn appearance was no indicator of Joseph "Jose" Banks' skills as a stickup man, investigators said.

The FBI called him one of the most prolific bank robbers in Chicago history, holding up as many as 21 banks. He wore disguises and used a bogus Jamaican accent as he aggressively took over banks, ordering employees and customers onto the floor at gunpoint as he hurdled counters and entered vaults.

In two of the holdups, he escaped with a combined \$589,000.

Relatives at Banks' last known address in the 4200 block of South Indiana Avenue said Thursday he runs a clothing line called "Geosuff." Mannequins in black evening dresses were scattered around the apartment, and five sewing machines filled one room.

Authorities said a cousin was Banks' undoing.

After the cousin was arrested for a separate bank robbery in 2006, he implicated Banks, saying Banks mentored him on how to carry out holdups and recruited him to take part in about 10 robberies on the North Side between December 2004 and August 2005, authorities said.

According to a criminal complaint unsealed in federal court Thursday, investigators began watching Banks at times after the cousin's arrest. Banks continued his bank jobs into 2007, authorities alleged.

On Thursday U.S. Magistrate Judge Jeffrey Cole ordered Banks held in custody pending a detention hearing next week.

# Judge: 'Your long nightmare is over'

## Murder case against South Side man tossed

### Chicago Tribune

A South Side man who spent more than a quarter-century in prison for a murder another man allegedly confessed to won't be retried because the Illinois attorney general's office dismissed the charges Thursday.

"I've been telling everybody for the last 26 years, 'I didn't do this,' and finally they did the right thing," Alton Logan, 55, said Thursday after his case was formally dismissed. "I'm happy that I can finally get on with my life, try to do some of the things I want to do."

Logan spent 26 years in prison for the 1982 slaying of Lloyd Wickliffe, a security guard at a McDonald's restaurant.

The attorney general's office, which was asked to reinvestigate the case, moved Thursday to dismiss the charges against Logan, saying it was unable to prove him

### THE CONFESSION

A judge ordered Alton Logan's release on bond in April after two attorneys revealed that a former client had confessed to fatally shooting the guard in the 1982 slaying.

The attorneys, bound by an oath of confidentiality, kept the confession secret until after their client, Andrew Wilson, died in prison in November. Wilson had been serving a life sentence for the murders of two Chicago police officers.

responsible.

"From all that I have heard, Mr. Logan, you did not commit this murder," Circuit Judge James Schreier said in support of the state agency's decision. "You have, to borrow a phrase, endured a season in purgatory, but now—to borrow another saying—your long nightmare is over. Hopefully, you will enjoy a long life as a free man and hopefully see your White Sox in another World Series."

Logan expressed hope the decision would clear the way for him to find a job, perhaps

in construction or plumbing. He said he had difficulty finding work while the attorney general's office reviewed the case.

Logan said he believes he was railroaded nearly three decades ago and plans to sue the county for compensation for his lost years. "I'm planning on litigation, so I can't go into the reasons why I know this [about being railroaded], but I know this," he said.

Logan cried as he thanked the public defenders who helped win his freedom and his family for sticking with him. He also said he wanted an apology from Mayor Daley.

"At the time of my conviction, Richard M. Daley was the state's attorney," Logan said. "He was the man that signed the death certificate. That's the only apology I want, but I know I'll never get it."

When asked about the case Thursday, Daley said he could not recall Logan's case.

"You know how many cases we had in the state's attorney's office?" Daley said, chuckling.

### END OF THE LINE

On Aug. 26, a contractor installing wallpaper at the Chase Bank branch at 5134 N. Clark St. was confronted by Joseph Banks after he stepped out of the bank. Forced back inside at gunpoint, the contractor ran through the bank shouting for others to call 911, causing Banks to flee empty-handed, authorities said. Both the contractor and the bank manager positively identified Banks as the would-be robber, charges alleged.

## Man charged in kid porn case

A custodian at the Illinois Math and Science Academy has been charged in a federal complaint with possessing child pornography, and he allegedly has admitted to molesting a young girl. Robert Reese was charged after the FBI's Innocent Images Task Force identified him as a possible purchaser of child pornography and searched his home in Ottawa, authorities said. A computer drive that contained as many as 200 images of child pornography was recovered from his bedroom, authorities alleged.

## Edwards drops out of speech

Former presidential candidate John Edwards has canceled plans to speak next month at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, saying he didn't want to detract from the Democratic presidential ticket. Edwards, who admitted last month that he had an extramarital affair with a former campaign worker, backed out of all public commitments between now and the Nov. 4 election, according to a statement released by his booking agent.

## Jesse Jackson in the hospital

Rev. Jesse Jackson was being treated Thursday morning at Northwestern Memorial Hospital after falling ill. Jackson told the Associated Press that doctors told him he has viral gastroenteritis but are conducting more tests. Jackson said he was in Georgia earlier in the week when he began to feel ill after apparently becoming dehydrated. The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says viral gastroenteritis is an inflammation of the stomach and intestines and isn't considered serious for most people.

## Body found in Lake Michigan

The body of a man who police said appears to be in his 30s was recovered from Lake Michigan near Rainbow Beach & Park on Chicago's South Side Thursday, police said. The body was found around 5:39 p.m. in the waters off Rainbow Beach at approximately the 2800 block of East 76th Street, police said. A death investigation has been launched, police said.



Leslie Russell holds her baby daughter Claire Camryn on Thursday at Comer's Children's Hospital in Chicago. Claire was born in a Toyota Camry in front of the hospital on Tuesday. SCOTT STRAZZANTE/TRIBUNE

# She was expecting, but didn't expect this

Leslie Russell thought she had plenty of time to make it to Prentice Women's Hospital to deliver her baby. But she was wrong.

Her 8-pound, 9-ounce daughter was born Tuesday in the front seat of her Toyota Camry outside Bernard A. Mitchell Hospital in Hyde Park.

On Monday, Russell, a graduate student, misjudged mild labor pains as a sign she was about to give birth and went to Prentice.

But she was sent home after she was told it was a false alarm, Russell said.

Despite feeling slight pain the next morning, she cooked breakfast for her 2-year-old son and called her mother to come over.

"I thought to myself: 'This baby is never coming,'" said Russell, 28.

Russell had planned a natural birth, so she called her midwife while she waited for her mother.

About seven blocks from her house,

Russell felt the overwhelming urge to push. Once she got to 67th Street, the baby's head crowned.

"I told [my mother] I couldn't make it. Her head was coming out," she said.

The soon-to-be grandmother reached down, felt the baby's head and accelerated. When they got to 59th Street and Ellis Avenue in front of Bernard A. Mitchell Hospital, the baby's head was completely out. Russell's mother parked the car in the middle of the street, jumped out and yelled for help.

Suddenly, a woman appeared. Luckily, she was a pediatrician who was on her way home but had forgotten something in her office and decided to go back.

"A man on the street told me, 'I think she's having a baby,'" said Heather Johnston, an instructor of pediatrics at the hospital. Johnston climbed into the car to help Russell deliver the baby.

On the next push, Russell gave birth to a healthy and chubby baby girl.

## Prosecutors: Gang turf battle led to crossfire that killed girl

A man trying to shoot rival street gang members as part of a long-running turf battle instead ended up gunning down Nequiel Fowler, 10, as she played with her younger sister on the South Side earlier this week, prosecutors said Thursday.



Nequiel Fowler

That man and three other men were charged with first-degree murder in Fowler's slaying and attempted first-degree murder for allegedly shooting toward her blind little sister, Valerie, 5, as the two walked down the street.

During a bail hearing Thursday, the man accused of shooting her, Luis Pena, 20, was denied bail on the charges as was Antoine Lacy, 25. The two other men—Joey Chico, 23, and Raymond Jones, 18—charged in the girl's death were ordered held in lieu of \$1 million bail by Cook County Judge Raymond Myles.

According to prosecutors, Pena, Lacy and Chico are all members of the Latin Dragons street gang, with Lacy operating as the gang's enforcer, giving out orders to the members below him.

Jones, who is not a member of the gang, lives along an alley in the 8700 block of South Exchange Avenue that serves as a dividing line for Dragon territory and Latin King turf, where the gangs frequently shoot at each other, said Assistant State's Atty. Maria McCarthy.

It was in that alley Monday that Pena used a .380 caliber gun to fire at rival gang members, McCarthy alleged.

With encouragement from Lacy, McCarthy said, Pena fired the gun toward Latin King territory just as the two young girls walked into the gangway and the path of the bullets.

## BY THE NUMBERS

# Gettin' schooled

**Pop quiz:** Guess what didn't have too much of an effect on first-day attendance at Chicago Public Schools?

- A. Presidential candidates
- B. The weather
- C. '90210' premiere
- D. Boycott led by Rev. James Meeks

If you chose answer  
D, you get a gold star.  
Here's a little more  
math:

**93.7%:**  
Tuesday's attendance

**93%:**  
Attendance on the  
first day last year

**92.8%:**  
Attendance in 2006

Students who skipped Chicago classes and attempted to register at two wealthy North Shore schools to spotlight the disparity in Illinois school funding

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# Food safety issues shut businesses

**By Tracy Swartz** | REDEYE

The city closed more than 70 food establishments from June through August for violations ranging from mouse droppings to lack of employee hygiene to fruit fly infestations.

The city Department of Public Health and Mayor Daley's Dumpster Task Force inspect restaurants, grocery stores, bakeries and other businesses that serve food. The public health department regularly checks on all the city's food establishments while the Dumpster Task Force typically inspects a business after receiving a complaint or noticing problems outside the business.

The public health department inspects most food businesses at least twice a year because the establishments use raw product and prepare food from scratch, department spokesman Tim Hadac said.

The department checks to make sure businesses are following proper food handling practices and maintaining appropriate product temperatures, personal hygiene and pest control.

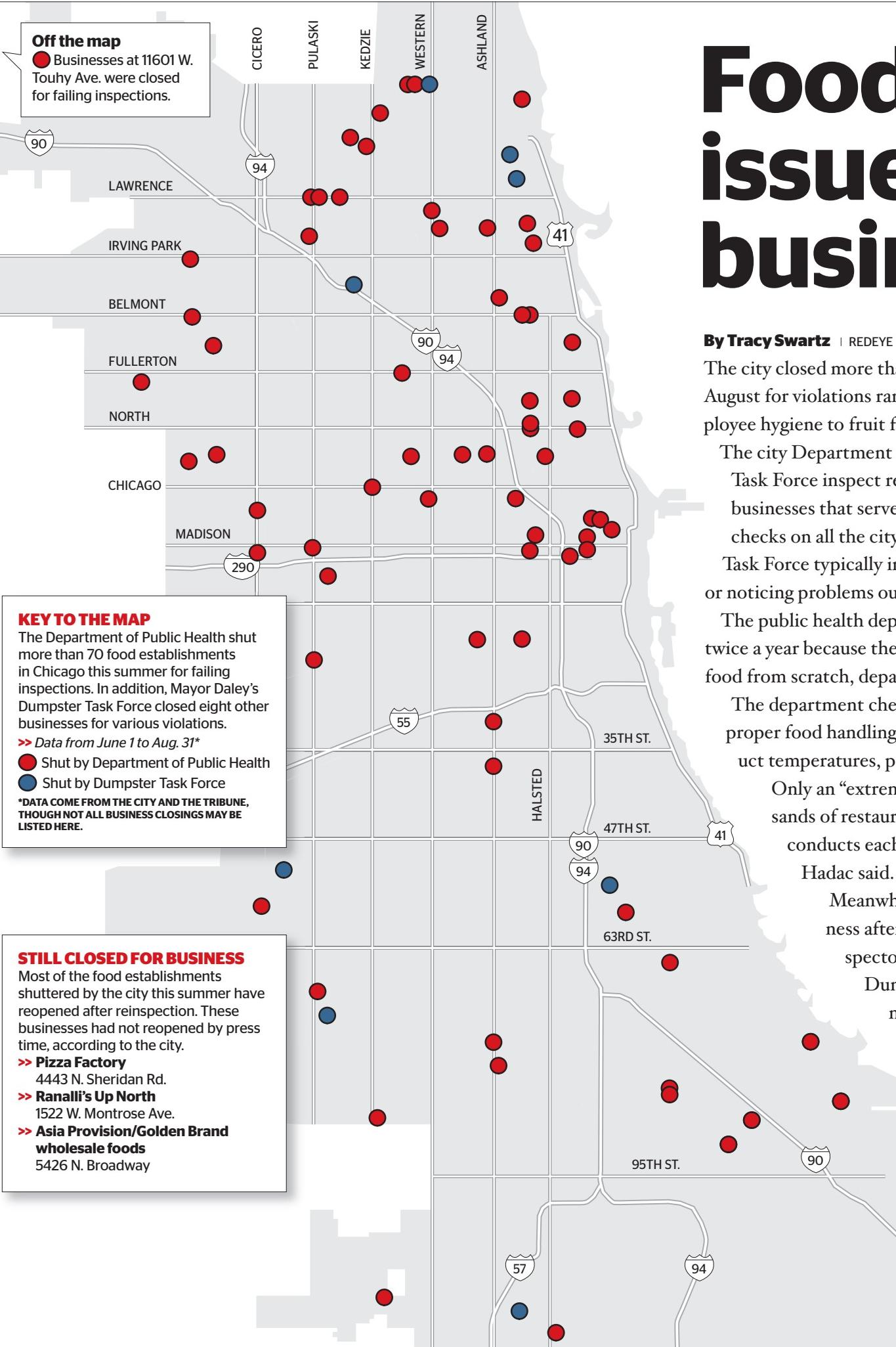
Only an “extremely small percentage” of the tens of thousands of restaurant inspections the public health department conducts each year result in an establishment shutdown, Hadac said.

Meanwhile, the Dumpster Task Force inspects a business after receiving a complaint through 311 or if inspectors notice the establishment has an overflowing Dumpster or container that holds grease. Spokesman Matt Smith estimates one in 10 task force visits results in a business shutdown.

Businesses shut down by the task force and the public health department have the opportunity to fix the alleged violations for a reinspection. Many businesses reopen after the follow-up inspection.

"We want to give management a chance to correct their problems," Smith said. [TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM](mailto:TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM)

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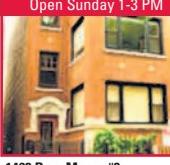
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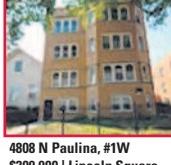
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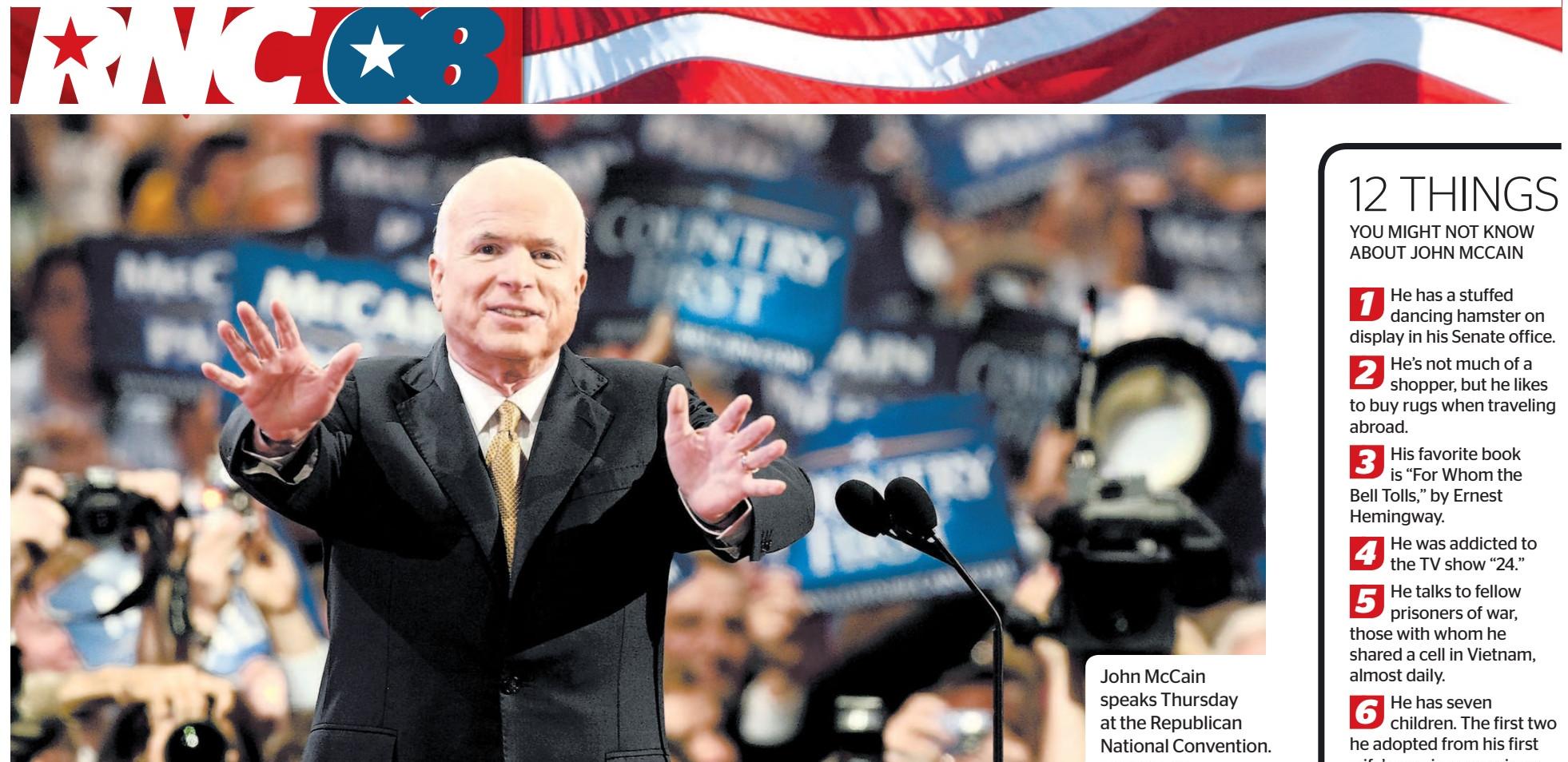
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John McCain  
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# 'Fight with me'

**McCain calls on faithful to bring change to Washington**

**Associated Press**

**ST. PAUL** John McCain, a POW turned political rebel, vowed Thursday night to vanquish the "constant partisan rancor" that grips Washington as he launched his fall campaign for the White House. "Change is coming," he promised the roaring Republican National Convention and a prime-time television audience.

"Fight with me. Fight with me. Fight with me. Fight for what's right for our country," he said.

To repeated cheers from his delegates, McCain made only passing reference to an unpopular

President Bush and criticized fellow Republicans as well as Democratic rival Barack Obama in reaching out to independents and swing voters who will pick the next president.

"We were elected to change Washington, and we let Washington change us," he said of the Republicans who controlled Congress for a dozen years before they were voted out of office in 2006.

As for Obama, he said, "I will keep taxes low and cut them where I can. My opponent will raise them. I will cut government spending. He will increase it."

McCain's wife, Cindy, and ticketmate Sarah Palin and her husband joined him on stage as thousands of red, white and blue balloons cascaded from high above the convention floor.

Unlike Obama's speech a week ago, McCain offered no soaring oratory until his speech-ending summons to fight for the country's future.

But his own measured style left his crowd cheering, and as is his habit in campaign stops around the country, he stepped off the stage to plunge into the crowd after his speech.

McCain's appearance was the climax of the final night of the party convention, coming after delegates made Palin the first female vice presidential nominee in Republican history.

A video reviewing his long public career was aired in the convention center, and most of it focused on his military service. The video, narrated by actor Robert Duvall, included photos of McCain with former Presidents Nixon and Reagan, but no images of him with the current president.

McCain paid a brief tribute to Bush at the top of his speech, praising him for his leadership following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, but without mentioning him by name.

## 12 THINGS

YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW  
ABOUT JOHN MCCAIN

**1** He has a stuffed dancing hamster on display in his Senate office.

**2** He's not much of a shopper, but he likes to buy rugs when traveling abroad.

**3** His favorite book is "For Whom the Bell Tolls," by Ernest Hemingway.

**4** He was addicted to the TV show "24."

**5** He talks to fellow prisoners of war, those with whom he shared a cell in Vietnam, almost daily.

**6** He has seven children. The first two he adopted from his first wife's previous marriage, the third was born to him and his first wife, the next three were born to him and his second wife, and the seventh they adopted from Mother Teresa's orphanage in Bangladesh. He has four grandchildren.

**7** He's serious about the finer points of barbecuing, and he likes to deep-fry turkeys in peanut oil.

**8** At Christmastime, he likes to supervise the lighting of about 1,000 luminaria candles on their property in Sedona, Ariz., with family and friends.

**9** He's an early bird, not a night owl.

**10** He's into fruit trees. And birds. He keeps binoculars and bird books at the ready in Sedona. His pet collection: two dogs, two turtles, a cat, a ferret, three parakeets and 13 saltwater fish.

**11** He and his wife have a prenuptial agreement. (She's super rich.)

**12** He programmed digital remotes at the family's homes in Phoenix and Washington so they can call up DVDs in any room. AP

# Obama: 'You're hearing an awfully lot about me'

**Associated Press**

**YORK, Pa.** Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama said Thursday that Republicans at their national convention are attacking him to avoid talking about the sagging economy and housing problems that voters care about.

"You're hearing an awfully lot about me—most of which is not true—but you're not hearing a lot about you," Obama said. "You haven't heard a word about how we're going to deal with any

aspect of the economy that is affecting you and your pocketbook day-to-day."

Speaking with reporters later, Obama dismissed the idea that Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, the GOP's vice presidential candidate, had been criticized unfairly because of her gender.

"The notion that many questions about her work in Alaska is somehow not relevant to her potentially being vice president of the United States doesn't make too much sense to me,"

Obama said.

"I assume she wants to be treated the same way guys are treated, which means their records are under scrutiny. I've been through this for 19 months. She's been through this for, what, four days so far?"

Asked by workers at a factory here about Palin's attacks on him Wednesday night, Obama replied, "I'll let Gov. Palin talk about her experience. I'll talk about mine."



## 1 Adult sleepover

Parents of newly arrived freshmen sleep in a gym at the Central China Normal University in Wuhan in China's Hubei province Wednesday. The university opened the gym to allow parents to accompany their kids on the first day of school. AP

## 2 Spared death

A woman convicted of murdering her infant daughter by microwaving her was spared the death penalty Wednesday in Dayton, Ohio, by a jury that couldn't reach a unanimous decision. China Arnold, 28, showed no immediate reaction, but she smiled and waved to family members as deputies led her from the courtroom.

## 3 Cleaner mowing?

Gasoline-powered lawnmowers will have to be cleaner under new federal rules. The regulation issued Thursday requires a 35 percent reduction in emissions from new lawn and garden equipment powered by engines under 25 horsepower. It takes effect in 2011.

## 4 Taste of London

At a sprawling factory in the lush green suburbs of Shanghai, young Chinese workers are busily gearing up for full-scale production of one of Britain's most iconic vehicles. It's part of an odd alliance that aims to give the distinctive black cab a greater presence outside its namesake city.

## 5 40-story fall

A construction worker fell about 40 stories to his death Thursday at a Manhattan skyscraper being built by the developer of the World Trade Center, authorities said Thursday. More than 20 people have died in New York City construction accidents this year, including nine in two crane collapses.

## 6 Crash kills 7

A helicopter carrying foreign contractors crashed into an oil platform off the coast of Dubai, United Arab Emirates, killing all seven on board and halting production in one of the four offshore oil fields, officials said Thursday.

## 7 Monk's bad day

A monk trying to rid his temple of a hornet's nest panicked when the hornets attacked him and dropped a torch, burning his temple to the ground, police in Ojiya City, Japan, said Thursday.

# Saddam abuse museum coming to Abu Ghraib

**8 BAGHDAD** The notorious Abu Ghraib prison is getting a face-lift: work to reopen the facility and construct a museum documenting Saddam Hussein's crimes—but not the abuses committed there by U.S. guards.

The sprawling complex, which has not held prisoners since 2006, will be refurbished with the goal of taking new inmates in about a year, the government said Thursday.

Also, a section of the 280-acre site

just west of Baghdad will be converted into the museum featuring execution chamber exhibits and other displays of torture tools used by Saddam's regime—including an iron chain used to tie prisoners together.

But Iraq's predominantly Shiite government has no plans to document the U.S. military abuse scandal that erupted in 2004 with the publication of photographs that shocked the world: grinning U.S. soldiers mistreating Iraqi prisoners, some

naked, being held on leashes or in painful and sexually humiliating positions.

Iraq's deputy justice minister, Busho Ibrahim, told The Associated Press that the American brutality was "nothing" compared with the violence and atrocities of Saddam and his Sunni-dominated Baath party.

The government's announcement did not detail the full scope of the refurbishing work and didn't say whether the museum would be open to the public.

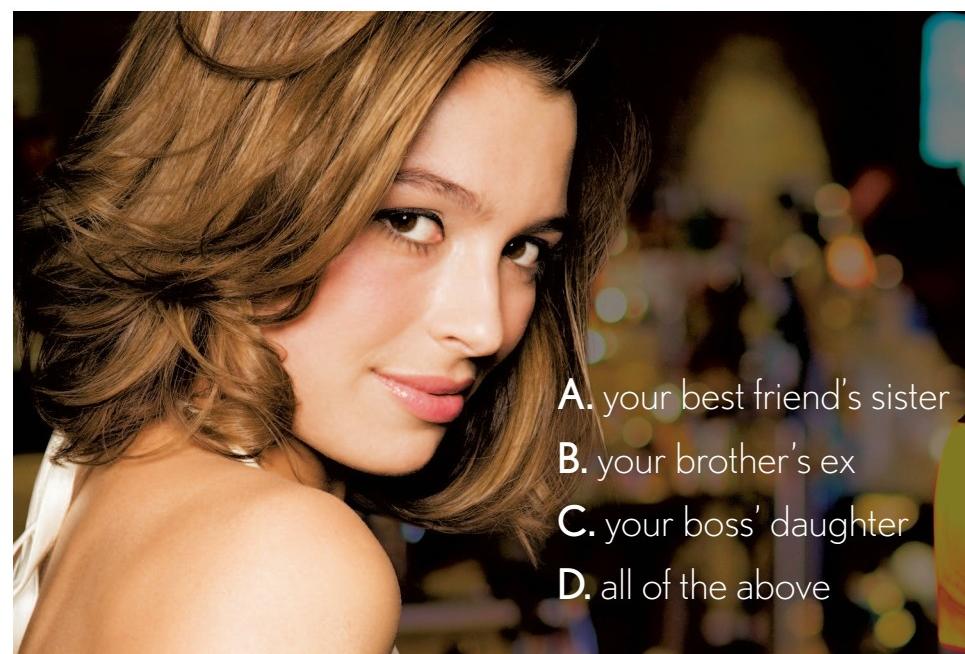


**9 GONAIVES, Haiti** Residents cross a road cut off by flooding caused by Tropical Storm Hanna Thursday. The storm swirled over Haiti for four days, dumping massive amounts of water and leaving at least 61 dead. In the U.S., some southeastern states declared emergencies, and officials urged residents to head inland Thursday as Hanna headed toward the Atlantic coast, where it could bring high winds and rain from South Carolina all the way to Maine. AP

## THE DIGIT

**17 hours,  
52 mins,  
39 secs**

The record for a trans-Atlantic crossing in a single-hulled sailboat that British billionaire Richard Branson hopes to break. The chairman of the Virgin Group announced Thursday that he and his crew will attempt to surpass that in the 99-foot yacht "Virgin Money," sailing from New York Harbor to the most southwesterly point in Britain in the next few weeks.



- A. your best friend's sister
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# sports

## G-whiz!

Manning gets Giants off to a hot start

**Associated Press**

**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.** The New York Giants kicked off their Super Bowl title defense with what else—defense.

Playing without Pro Bowl linemen Michael Strahan and Osi Umenyiora, the defense limited new-look Washington to 11 first downs and 209 total yards and gave indications that these Giants are back for another run in a 16-7 victory that ushered in the NFL season on Thursday night.

Eli Manning and the rest of the offense that started the Super Bowl against New England also came up big in spoiling the debut of Redskins coach Jim Zorn and his West Coast offense.

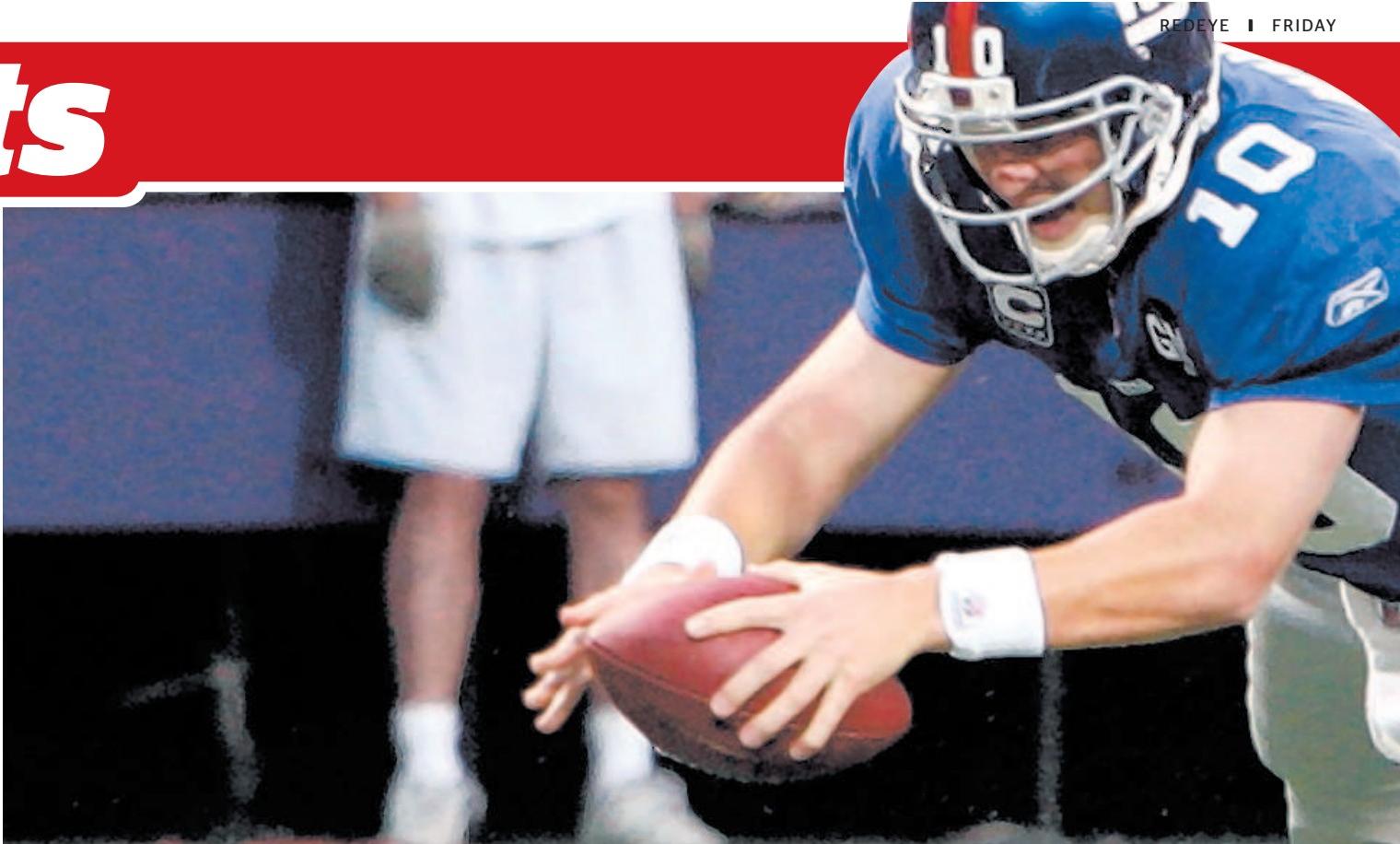
Manning capped a game-opening 84-yard drive with a 1-yard touchdown run and recently signed John Carney kicked three field goals as the Giants scored on their first four possessions in posting a rare home win. They won their final 11 away from Giants Stadium in capturing their third Super Bowl, but they were 3-5 at home, losing the last four games.

Jason Campbell threw a 12-yard touchdown pass to Santana Moss with 13 seconds to play in the first half to account for the Redskins' points.

The game started with fanfare as Strahan, who retired in June after a 15-year career that saw him earn seven Pro Bowl berths, showed off the Lombardi Trophy and got a standing ovation.

Manning (19-of-35 for 216 yards), Plaxico Burress (10 catches for 133 yards) and halfback Brandon Jacobs (21 carries for 116 yards) had the fans on their feet time for the rest of the half.

**GIANTS 16  
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## FIRST AND BEST

The Giants-Redskins game kicked off a whole new season. For many NFL stars playing Sunday and Monday, the year promises some league and career bests. RedEye takes a look at some firsts for opening and some historical bests that could happen in the coming weeks.

### FIRSTS

#### 1ST KICKOFF

The Giants' Ahmad Bradshaw returns it three yards to New York 19. Somewhere Devin Hester's shaking his head in disgust.

#### 1ST PLAY FROM SCRIMMAGE

Eli Manning throws it incomplete to Brandon Jacobs. Somewhere Peyton Manning shakes his head in disgust.

#### 1ST COMPLETION

Manning connects with Steve "Not to be confused with Stephen A." Smith for 8 yards. But Smith could have had a real crowd-pleaser by trapping it against his helmet.

#### 1ST PENALTY

Redskins cornerback Fred "75 percent of the Earth is covered by water, the rest is covered by" Smoot is called for pass interference on Giants WR Amani "Suit" Toomer at the Washington 6. And that sets up the ...

#### 1ST TOUCHDOWN

Manning runs it into the end zone to cap a 11-play, 84-yard drive. Figures the defending Super Bowl MVP would take it in himself.

#### 1ST SACK

Justin "Nip" Tuck nips Jason Campbell for an 8-yard loss. So much for Campbell landing that soup endorsement.

#### 1ST TURNOVER

The D pressures Manning, and Smoot hauls in an interception in the third quarter. Smoot giveth, Smoot taketh away.

#### 1ST REALLY COOL COMMERCIAL

Tony Romo, doubled in stature to promote Lemon Pepsi NFL Kickoff's double stuff points program, flicks off Eagles tacklers, but a giant Brian Dawkins—the diet version—nails him.

#### 1ST GROAN MOMENT

After Clinton Portis runs into a wall of Giants on 3rd and 1, Al Michaels quips, "On third and short, they run a very vanilla play and it has no flavor." Who would have thought the first groan would belong to Michaels and not John Madden?

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New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning (left) dives for a touchdown past Washington's Rocky McIntosh on Thursday.

AP PHOTO

## BESTS

**253**

Jets QB Brett Favre looks to extend his consecutive-start streak.

**49**

The Bears have the most kickoff weekend wins, one more than Green Bay. The Giants entered Thursday's game third with 46.

**14**

Bears star Devin Hester needs just three more kick- and/or punt-return touchdowns and he'll have 14 combined return TDs, which would top Brian Mitchell for first place all-time.

**8**

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## Super Bowl? That's so '07

### Associated Press

**INDIANAPOLIS** The Colts and Bears don't have to worry about rain, celebrities or all those interview rounds this week.

Less than two years after meeting in the Super Bowl in Miami, Indianapolis and Chicago will be reunited at the Colts' new palace, Lucas Oil Stadium.

Yes, the memories live on from that game, but it's not a true Super Bowl rematch.

"It is different," Colts defensive end Dwight Freeney said. "Their team is different. The running backs are different, they have different receivers, the offensive line is different."

If the Bears had a fight on their hands, they know they have a real battle on Sunday. "We've certainly got to play one of our best games, and we've got to do it right out of the chute," Bears quarterback Kyle Orton said.

Plenty has changed in just 19 months. Let's take a look:

### COLTS

- » Peyton Manning (bursa sac) missed six weeks this summer and didn't play in the preseason. He may be rusty.
- » Pro Bowl center Jeff Saturday is out with a knee injury.
- » The Colts are planning a grand reopening of their \$720 million stadium, with one constant reminder left for the Bears: The giant championship banner hanging from the rafters of the retractable roof.

### BEARS

- » Rex Grossman, who led the Bears to the Super Bowl, starts this season on the bench behind Kyle Orton.
- » Thomas Jones and Cedric Benson are out, Matt Forte and Kevin Jones are in.
- » Devin Hester will play more receiver and safety Mike Brown, lost to injury last season, will roam the secondary. **REDEYE CONTRIBUTED**.

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1 We asked our panelists before the NFL season opener to make one prediction.	Chad Ocho Cinco starts a trend. Coming soon? Kyle Neckbeard and Devin Ridiculous.	I finally get into Underground.	Clinton Portis will avert a pregame identity crisis by switching to one of 17 backup identities.	Michael Phelps will step in for Eli Manning and nobody will notice.	Like the Redskins, I have no vision. D.C. can't nail anything down.
2 If your favorite university banned all signs at home games, how would you respond?	I didn't know Devry had athletics.	Roofie the mascot.	Body paint. In places body paint should never be used.	I'd have to chop off my middle fingers.	Sad for most teams. How will FSU and Georgia learn how to spell/read now?
3 How did an ordinary fan beat LeBron James in a game of H-O-R-S-E?	James suffers from equinophobia (and the lesser known alphebephobia: fear of spelling).	LeBron was too busy endorsing the pavement.	Nothing-but-net from the baseline—gets 'em every time.	LeBron forgot how to spell it.	After the first four letters LeBron got distracted and checked his cell.
4 Tell something we need to know about the Cubs' or Sox's weekend series.	The ladies of Cincy = Slumpbusters.	Everyone will be watching football.	The Sox face a tough series against the Angels. Meanwhile, Friday is Goat Sacrifice to Beelzebub Night.	The Cubs never seem to be able to beat Bronson Arroyo, so it's time for your "Uh-oh" face.	Teams beware: September marks the start of fall.
5 How will you help the Bears against the Colts Sunday night?	Four words: Peyton Manning Voodoo Doll.	Tequila shots. Should blunt the trauma.	With body paint, mostly.	I'm starting Devin Hester on my fantasy team, so I have to root for him. That's the best I can do.	Bail money. Four a.m. is the only time you'll hear "caught" and "Bears" in the same sentence.

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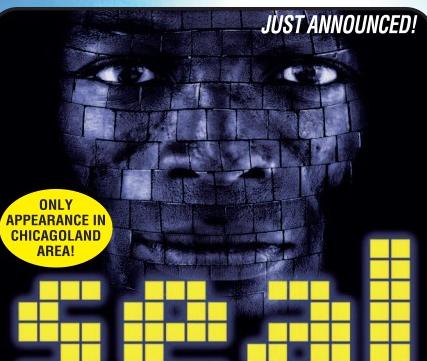


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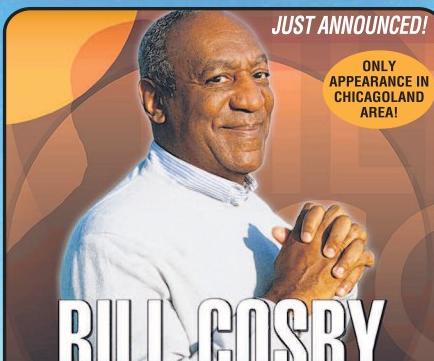
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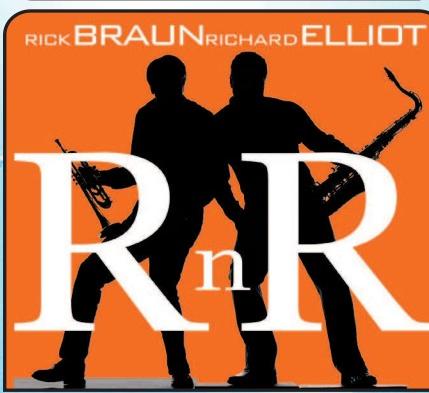
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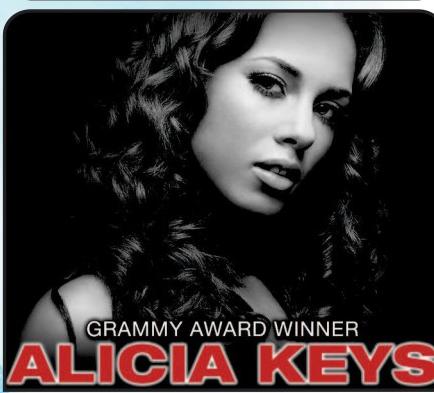
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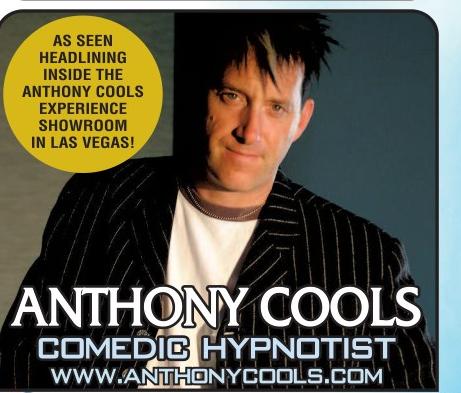
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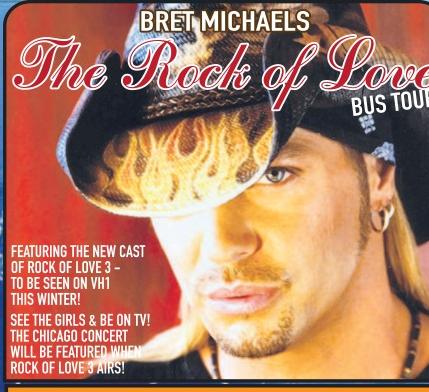
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## AT THE BUZZER



David Kalb (left) beat LeBron James. AP

## Fan beats LeBron James at H-O-R-S-E

LeBron James might be one of the NBA's best players and an Olympic gold medal winner, but he needs to work on his game of H-O-R-S-E.

Former Capital University basketball player David Kalb beat King James in a best-of-three H-O-R-S-E faceoff on Wednesday.

"Just to be on the same court with LeBron, in front of a crowd, and to pull it off ... I'm still shocked, I guess," Kalb told the Mansfield (Ohio) News Journal. The two met in Venice Beach, Calif., after Kalb won an online contest, "LeBron's Trick Shot Challenge." In his trick shot, Kalb threw the ball against a wall, and the ball bounced back into the net of a hoop spinning on a forklift.



# Big Z a big problem

## Associated Press

Ryan Dempster stepped out in front of the team's headquarters at the beginning of Spring Training nearly seven months ago and made a bold statement: He said he thought the Chicago Cubs would win the World Series.

Dempster's optimism remains intact, despite a recent funk that has seen the first-place Cubs drop five straight games for the first time this season.

And not only are the Cubs trying to weather the losing skid, but they also learned Thursday that ace Carlos Zambrano has rotator cuff tendinitis, a condition that required an injection of anti-inflammatory medication.

Zambrano, who will miss his turn Sunday in Cincinnati, hopes to begin throwing in St. Louis when the Cubs go there next Wednesday.

And if all goes well, he could rejoin the rotation for a series in Houston and pitch against the Astros.

"It's a relief knowing Z doesn't have anything more significant than what we thought. And hopefully he'll pitch in Houston, which means he will only miss one turn," General Manager Jim Hendry said Thursday.

So, in the 100th anniversary year of their last World Series win, the Cubs are sorting out some major issues. They have 22 games remaining and just six are at Wrigley Field, where they are 51-24.

"Obviously you lose five in a row and don't play as well as you are capable, it's frustrating for everybody," said Dempster, who has 15 wins after being converted from a closer. "There are better times ahead. I promise that."

Cubs magic number is ...

**18**

**Next series**  
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**Friday: 6:10 p.m., CSN-Plus.** LH Ted Lilly (13-8, 4.23) vs. RH Bronson Arroyo (13-10, 4.97).

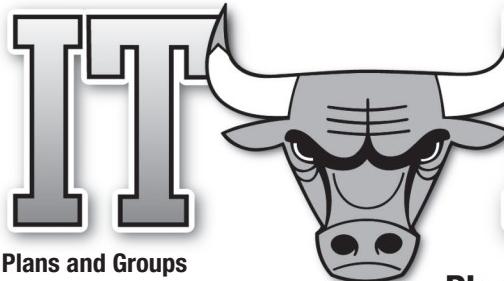
**Saturday: 6:10 p.m., CSN.** RH Jason Marquis (9-8, 4.46) vs. RH Johnny Cueto (8-12, 4.65).

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# Cubs bring the pain—as usual

Well, I was going to handicap the Bears' season for you, but I've put that on hold.

In my mind—and this is an actual confession—I kind of thought the Cubs had this thing wrapped up.

Nope. Here comes the drama. Carlos Zambrano, or Big Z, has some arm trouble and could be gone for some time. Hey, Rich Harden also has "some discomfort."

Well, that's a lot of discomfort for me. One guy goes down, another guy goes down, and next thing you know, Jason Marquis is your No. 1 starter.

This isn't good. Reminds me of Kerry Wood and Mark Prior.

Wow. I had gone nearly six weeks without thinking of those two, which is something considering one of them still is on the team.

There's something else though. The friggin' bats have gone silent.

It's like someone in the dugout said, "Psst, the starters are going down, let's take the rest of the season off. When we choke, we can say it isn't our fault."

Shape up, please. Also, do me this favor. If you're going to blow it, do it by not making the playoffs. I think that would make things easier

on everyone. I don't think, collectively, we could take anymore playoff drama. Just skip it altogether.

I'm afraid the news isn't much better for the Sox. I keep hearing Joe Crede is to miss the rest of the season with back trouble. Oh, boy. That means I get to watch Juan "The Human Hack" Uribe take his cuts. Look, let's just put Josh Fields there for good.

I love Crede, wish he could play here forever, but this keeps happening.

So, we move on. I say keep Uribe around for another season or two—he's not bad as a reserve.

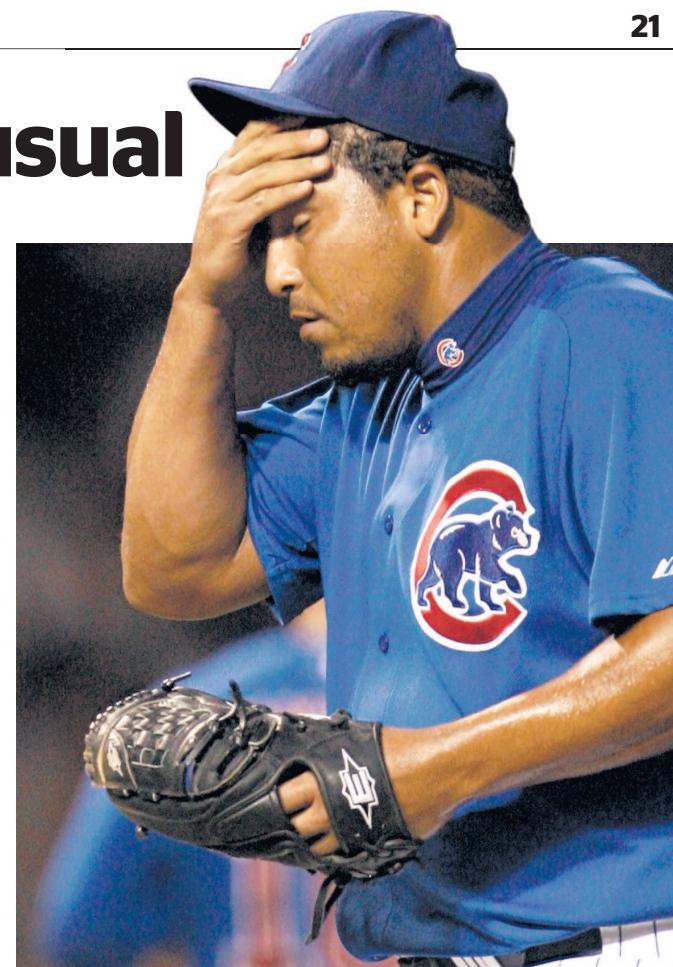
Oh, and by the way, I can see where this race is going. Right now, it looks like nobody wants it. The Sox aren't winning, and neither are the Twins. We all know this thing gets decided on the last weekend of the season—Sox at the Rollerdom (old Mike Ditka term; see 1988).

Speaking of Ditka: Bears at Colts. Remember the Super Bowl? Yep. Same outcome.

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The Cubs' Carlos Zambrano is coping with arm trouble and could be gone for some time. AP



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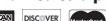
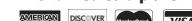
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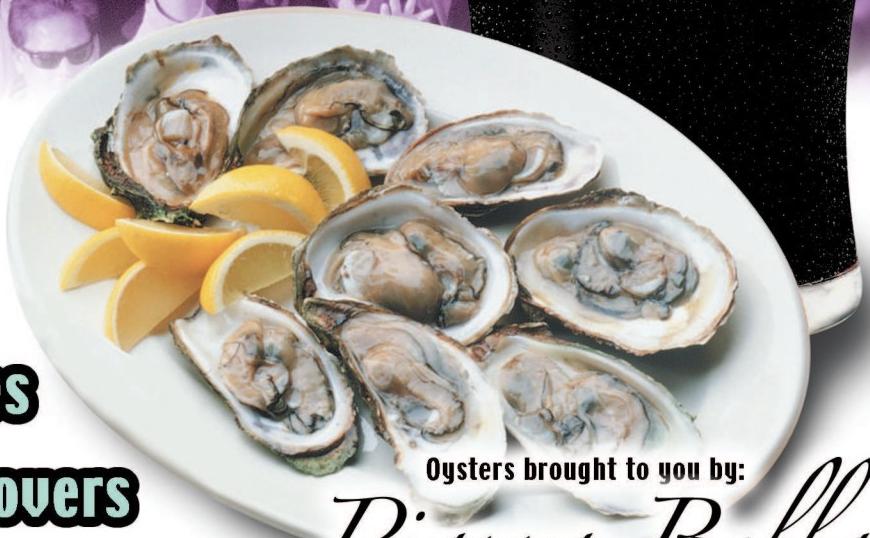


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**Red Bull Flugtag**  
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## BEST OF THE REST

### Laugh attack

Usher out the warm-weather season in style during the **Chicago ALL-STAR Summer Comedy Jam**. See locally bred comedians featured on HBO's "Def Comedy Jam" and BET's "Comic View," including B. Cole, Marcus Combs and Sonya D., and watch a short film tribute to late Chicago funnyman Bernie Mac. 10 p.m. Saturday. \$25-\$30. I.C.E. Chatham 14, 210 W. 87th St. 773-783-8711. Tickets: [icetheaters.com](http://icetheaters.com)

### Get in gear

Before you put your bike back into storage, gear up for one last seasonal hurrah: the **20th Annual Boulevard Lakefront Tour**. Options include a 15-mile architecture ride (8:30 a.m.), a 35-mile boulevard tour of South and West Side parks (7:30 a.m.) and a 62-mile tour through more than 30 communities (7 a.m.). A post-ride festival (10 a.m.) with food, beer and live music follows. Sunday. \$25-\$30. Midway Plaisance, 1200-1300 E. 59th St. 312-427-3325.

Registration required by noon Saturday: [boulevardtour.org](http://boulevardtour.org)

### It's a rap

Watch local emcees Decay and Astonish, freestyle hip-hop artists Jam One and others battle it out at **Scribble Jam '08 Prelim Chicago** for a chance to go to the national Scribble Jam festival (Oct. 23-26 in Cincinnati). At stake in the finals: \$20,000 in cash and prizes. 10 p.m. Saturday. \$10. Reggie's Rock Club, 2109 S. State St. 312-949-0120.

## BEST OF THE FESTS



### Ger-mania

Raise a Stein at the **88th annual German-American Festival** in Lincoln Square and fete the start of Oktoberfest season with brats, brews, sauerkraut and live German music. At 2 p.m. Saturday, line up for the 43rd Annual Von Steuben Parade along Lincoln Avenue between Irving Park and Lawrence Avenues. 5 p.m. Friday; noon Saturday and Sunday. Free. Lincoln Square, 4700 N. Lincoln Ave. 630-653-3018.

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Looking for a vine time? Sip pours from more than 50 vendors representing 300-plus domestic and international vintages at the **Fourth Annual Windy City Wine Festival**. Admission includes 10 tasting tickets and a souvenir wine glass; 10 more tastes cost \$5. Wine seminars and cooking demos round it out. 4 p.m. Friday; 3 p.m. Saturday. \$25. Daley Bicentennial Plaza, 337 E. Randolph St. 847-382-1480. Tickets: [windycitywinefestival.com](http://windycitywinefestival.com)

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7:30 p.m. \$12. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 312-559-1212.

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9 p.m. \$18-\$20.50. House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000.

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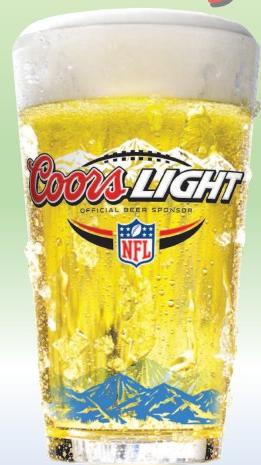
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7:30 p.m. \$30.50-\$33. House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000.

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6 p.m. \$9. Metro, 3730 N. Clark St. 773-549-0203.

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10 p.m. \$10. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600.

**Sunday**

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8 p.m. \$15. Martyrs', 3855 N. Lincoln Ave. 312-559-1212.

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8 p.m. \$15. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

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8:30 p.m. \$7. Elbo Room, 2871 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-549-5549.

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7 p.m. \$25. Double Door, 1572 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-489-3160.

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6:30 p.m. \$8-\$10. Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave. housecallent.com

**ON-SALE TICKETS****On sale 10 a.m. Friday**

**Brazilian Girls,** Friday, Oct. 3 (\$23-\$24.50, all ages) at House of Blues.

**Freddy Jones Band,** Friday, Nov. 28 (\$20-\$23, 17+) at House of Blues.

**Lupe Fiasco,** Friday, Oct. 31 (\$27.50-\$30, all ages) at Congress Theater.

**On sale noon Friday**

**Blitzen Trapper, Horse Feathers,** Sunday, Nov. 9 (\$14, 18+) at Schubas.

**On sale 5 p.m. Friday**

**Maxwell,** Saturday, Oct. 18 (\$49.50-\$79.50, all ages) at Chicago Theatre.

**On sale 10 a.m. Saturday**

**David Byrne,** Sunday, Oct. 26 (\$37-\$57, all ages) at Civic Opera House.

**Conor Oberst and the Mystic Valley Band,** Friday, Oct. 31, Saturday, Nov. 1 (\$25, all ages) at Vic Theatre.

**Matisyahu, Flobots, Chester French,** Sunday,

**On sale now**

**Santogold, Mates of State, Low vs. Diamond,** Sunday, Sept. 28 (\$23-\$25, 17+) at House of Blues.

**The Sea and Cake, The Lonesome Organist, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Civic Orchestra of Chicago,** Saturday, Sept. 27 (free, all ages) at Symphony Center.

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# Young Jeezy hits hard times

**Associated Press**

Young Jeezy may seem like an unlikely political commentator, given his status as a rapper. But on his new CD, "The Recession," he talks about more than just hustling, putting in his two cents about the economy, struggling times and Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama.

The platinum-selling, Atlanta-based rapper is broadening his subject matter as he also tries to appeal to a wider audience. So far, it seems he's achieving that goal: He appeared on Usher's No. 1 hit, "Love in This Club," and got a boost when Michael Phelps gave him props in Beijing, noting he jammed to the Jeezy hit "Go Getta" before bringing home a record eight Olympic gold medals.

Sitting back while wearing an Obama T-shirt and studded diamond chain, the 30-year-old recently talked about his third album.

**What's the overall message you're trying to send with the new album?**

We as people, we have to stand. We have to get together as far as voting, we have to get together as far as our communities, we have to get together as far as our culture. We all know we're in a recession, how are we going to deal with it? We're going to deal with it the same way when the Vietnam War was going on: with good music. We're going to party our way through it; we cannot sit here and cry about it.

**How was it recording the single "Put On" featuring Kanye West?**

I reached out to Kanye because my element of it was so street (that) I wanted to see how he felt and what he felt "putting on" was. And he went in a totally different direction; he felt like "putting on" was putting on his homies and putting on other people in the game. And it just made sense. And when I perform that song now I feel good about it.

**With rappers getting a lot of negative attention, do you think their endorsements of Barack Obama could hurt his chance of becoming president?**

As any smart individual, he has to separate himself because we do live a different type of life. I don't think it hurts, I think it shows the excitement and the urgency. Everyone's feeling it; I think everyone's excited for that change.

**How'd it feel when Michael Phelps said he lis-**



**tended to your music before swim races at the Beijing Olympics?**

They going, "Wow. Why would he listen to him to be motivated?" Because, it's real music, and it's real people and it's real life. And we're not trying to sugarcoat it. So, we're just saying what we feel, and it's coming out as motivational music. ... To get that from my music ... man ... I'm speechless bro.

**So I hear you're registering to vote.**

I'm excited; I feel like I'm going to sign for a new car and I don't need a co-signer this time. I'm going to do it myself. So I'm definitely going to try to encourage a lot of people from my city to actually come with me. ... Your one vote could have made that change; that one vote could be that vote. It could be my vote, you never know.

**Atlanta rapper feels the hurt of Americans on 'The Recession'**

# The 88 ready for their close-up

**Los Angeles Times**

You know The 88, even if you don't. You've heard the L.A. band's sticky melodies, and maybe tilted your ear toward Keith Slettedahl's gravity-defying vocals for, oh, seconds at a time—the group's songs having found their way into films, TV shows and commercials some 40 times in the last five years.

Yet for people whose music has been sliced and diced, reduced and recontextualized, The 88's three-man brain trust remained purists when they set about writing songs for their forthcoming third record.

**The 88**

**When:** 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday**

(before the White Sox game)

**Where:** U.S.

Cellular Field, 333 W. 35th St.

"An album's still an album to us," Slettedahl says. "Having our music used in this way was definitely nothing we ever set out to do."

Neither the pressure for commercial viability nor the arrival of Island Records, which signed the band last year, caused Slettedahl and bandmates Adam Merrin and Anthony Zimmitti to stray from what made them a by-the-bootstraps success story over their first two albums: timeless pop songs performed with panache.

If the group's new album, "Not Only ... But Also" (due Oct. 28) sounds a bit more leviathan, check for the fingerprints of heavyweight producers Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds (Eric Clapton, Fall Out Boy, Madonna) and Matt Wallace (Maroon 5, Paul Westerberg).

The 88 had the stuff to conquer the likes of "The O.C.," "Grey's Anatomy" and "How I Met Your Mother," and one of its songs, "All 'Cause of You," has been in three movies. But can the band make waves on radio? The first single is a muscled-up reworking of "Coming Home," a veteran of two TV commercials now ready for its full four minutes.

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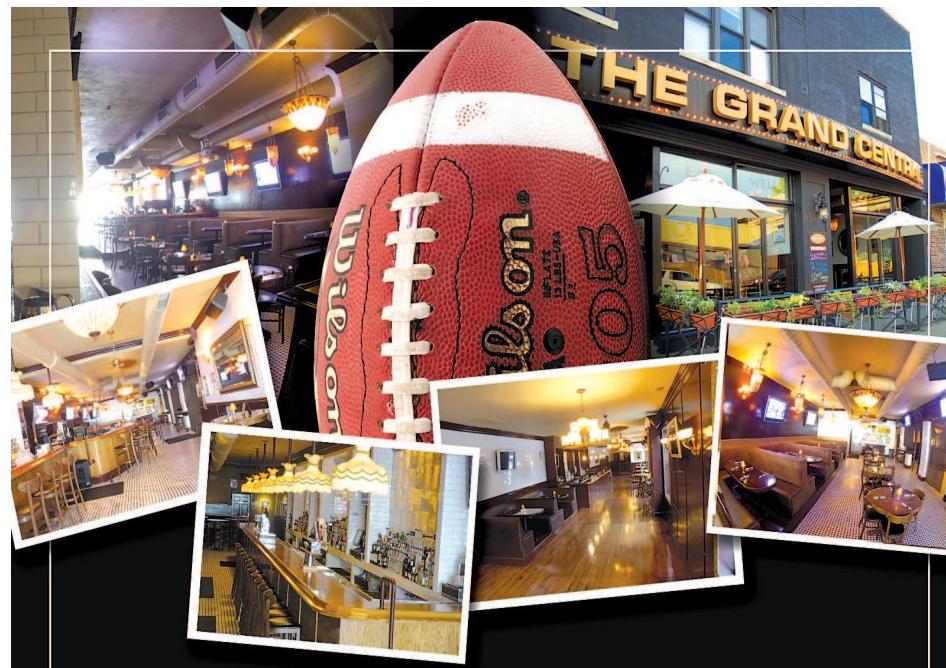
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**Pitt in 'Burn'**  
FOCUS FEATURES

## 1 Burn After Reading

SEPT. 12

It would be awfully hard for Joel and Ethan Coen to top the Oscar-winning "No Country for Old Men," but that doesn't seem to be their goal with the spy comedy "Burn After Reading." This one finds the directing duo mining laughs from a quirky cast, including Brad Pitt and Frances McDormand as gym employees who recover the secret files of a former CIA official (John Malkovich) and look to profit in any way possible. George Clooney and Tilda Swinton also star.

### CURIOSITY LEVEL



## 2 Eagle Eye

SEPT. 26

Shia LaBeouf reunites with "Disturbia" director D.J. Caruso to star as a man who becomes a pawn in a political assassination plot. His only ally is a total stranger (Michelle Monaghan) whose life is also at risk. Sounds standard, looks cool. With Billy Bob Thornton and Rosario Dawson.

### CURIOSITY LEVEL



**LaBeouf and Monaghan in 'Eagle Eye'**

PARAMOUNT PICTURES

### RedEye

**S**ummer may be the traditional time for blockbuster movies, but if James Bond has his way, this fall is going to follow suit.

"Quantum of Solace" marks Daniel Craig's second outing as Agent 007, and the buzz is big for this spy's latest adventure opening Nov. 14. But Bond isn't the only badass likely to pack the big screen with thrills this fall.

Here are seven—that's 007—flicks that James Bond himself might enjoy. (Sorry Nicolas Cage, your movie "Bangkok Dangerous," opening Friday, did not make the cut.)

These films also have captured Metromix movies producer Matt Pais' curiosity. Matt rates each movie's curiosity level from 1 to 10, with 10 being the most interesting.



**Craig in 'Quantum'**  
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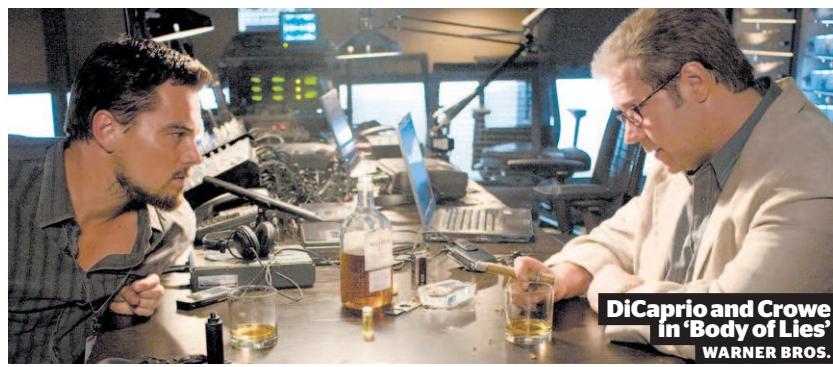
**Curious about what  
flicks would thrill 007?  
Fall is action-packed**

## 3 Body of Lies

OCT. 10

Leonardo DiCaprio. Russell Crowe. Director Ridley Scott. If you really need to know more, this political thriller adapts David Ignatius' novel about a CIA operative (DiCaprio) clashing with his superior (Crowe) after he's sent to Jordan to find a terrorist. Plenty of potential for old-school tension, as long as Scott doesn't take a page from brother Tony's high-tech razzle-dazzle.

### CURIOSITY LEVEL



**DiCaprio and Crowe  
in 'Body of Lies'**

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**4 Max Payne**

OCT. 17

Here's something totally fresh: a cop avenging the death of his partner and family! OK, not too original, but "Max Payne" does star Mark Wahlberg in a potentially creepy adaptation of the popular video game. Bonus points for the presence of supernatural beings—hey, at least it's not "We Own the Night 2"—and "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" breakout love interest Mila Kunis as an assassin.

**CURIOSITY LEVEL****5 Quantum of Solace**

NOV. 14

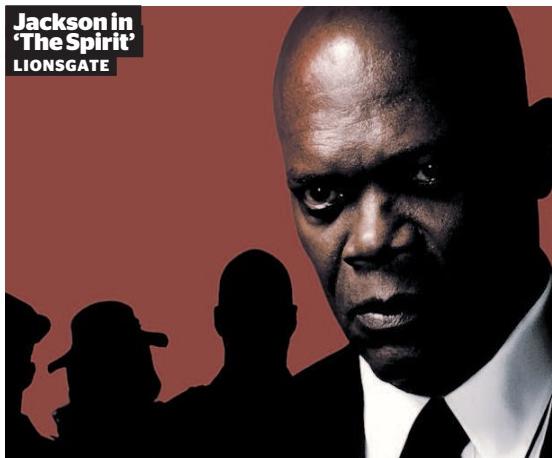
In "Casino Royale," Daniel Craig transformed James Bond from a smooth operator into a full-fledged badass without sacrificing the requisite charm and lady-killing. For the unusually titled follow-up, directed by Marc Forster, 007 takes on an environmentalist (Mathieu Amalric of "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly") trying to hog a country's water supply. Eat your heart out, Al Gore.

**CURIOSITY LEVEL****6 'The Road'**

NOV. 14 The last time someone adapted a Cormac McCarthy novel, the Coen brothers turned "No Country for Old Men" into an Oscar winner. Can director John Hillcoat ("The Proposition") spin similar magic with this post-apocalyptic tale of a man (Viggo Mortensen) trying to protect his son?

**CURIOSITY LEVEL****Jackson in 'The Spirit'**

LIONSGATE

**7 The Spirit**

DEC. 25

Get ready, "Sin City" fans. Writer-director Frank Miller adapts Will Eisner's classic comic serial about a cop (Gabriel Macht) who returns from the dead as crime fighter/playboy The Spirit to woo a variety of women (including Eva Mendes, Scarlett Johansson and Jamie King) and defend the city against the evil Octopus (Samuel L. Jackson).

**CURIOSITY LEVEL****DON'T MISS THESE**

Here are other notable films opening between now and the end of the year. **AP**

**SEPT. 12****TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS**

Writer-director Perry spins a tale of secrets and shady dealings among two clans.

**THE WOMEN**

Meg Ryan, Annette Bening and Debra Messing lead the cast in an update of the 1939 classic about a woman with a cheating hubby and a circle of gossipy friends.

**SEPT. 19****GHOST TOWN**

A man (Ricky Gervais) revived after a near-death experience finds he can see ghosts—who all pester him with demands.

**LAKEVIEW TERRACE**

An L.A. cop (Samuel L. Jackson) harasses his new neighbors because of their interracial relationship.

**MY BEST FRIEND'S GIRL**

Kate Hudson becomes the object of a love triangle between her heartbroken ex (Jason Biggs) and his best buddy (Dane Cook).

**SEPT. 26****THE DUCHESS**

Keira Knightley stars as an 18th century ancestor of Princess Diana who becomes a major political player.

**MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA**

Spike Lee tells the story of four Americans in an all-black Army unit trapped behind enemy lines during WW II.

**OCT. 3****NICK & NORA'S INFINITE PLAYLIST**

An all-nighter holds the promise of romance for two teens (Michael Cera and Kat Dennings).

**BLINDNESS**

A plague of sightlessness strikes humanity. With Julianne Moore, Danny Glover, Mark Ruffalo and Gael Garcia Bernal.

**OCT. 10****RACHEL GETTING MARRIED**

An addict (Anne Hathaway) rekindles tension and tragic memories at her sister's wedding.

**OCT. 17****W.**

Oliver Stone chronicles the life of party-boy-turned-president George W. Bush (Josh Brolin).

**OCT. 24****PRIDE AND GLORY**

A New York City family of cops is shaken when a son is forced to investigate his brother. With Edward Norton and Colin Farrell.

**HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3: SENIOR YEAR**

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**CHANGELING**

Angelina Jolie stars in Clint Eastwood's drama about a mom fighting corrupt police trying to cover their tracks in her son's abduction.

» **FOR 20 OTHER FALL MOVIE PICKS**

**OCT. 31****ZACK AND MIRI MAKE A PORNO**

Destitute roommates (Seth Rogen and Elizabeth Banks) try to make a skin flick to raise cash.

**ROCKNRROLLA**

London crooks scramble for a piece of the action in a land scheme. Guy Ritchie directs.

**NOV. 21****TWILIGHT**

The publishing hit comes to Hollywood in this tale (above) of a vampire (Robert Pattinson) and his teen soul mate (Kristen Stewart).

**THE SOLOIST**

A homeless music prodigy (Jamie Foxx) is befriended by a journalist (Robert Downey Jr.).

**NOV. 26****AUSTRALIA**

Nicole Kidman plays a noblewoman on a cattle drive in Australia during WW II.

**FOUR CHRISTMASSES**

A couple (Reese Witherspoon and Vince Vaughn) with a large extended family must endure four holiday gatherings with kin.

**MILK**

Sean Penn stars as gay political pioneer Harvey Milk, who was slain by a fellow San Francisco city supervisor.

**DEC. 12****THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL**

Keanu Reeves stars as an alien on Earth.

**DEC. 19****SEVEN POUNDS**

Will Smith's an IRS agent making amends for past wrongs by helping seven strangers.

**DEC. 25****THE CURIOUS CASE OF BENJAMIN BUTTON**

Brad Pitt stars as a man aging backward from his 80s to infancy.

**REVOLUTIONARY ROAD**

"Titanic" stars Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet reunite as a couple struggling to break out of the boredom of 1950s suburbia.

**MARLEY & ME**

A kooky dog winds up teaching valuable life lessons to his two-legged friends. With Jennifer Aniston and Owen Wilson.

**DEC. 26****VALKYRIE**

Tom Cruise stars as a German colonel attempting to assassinate Adolf Hitler.



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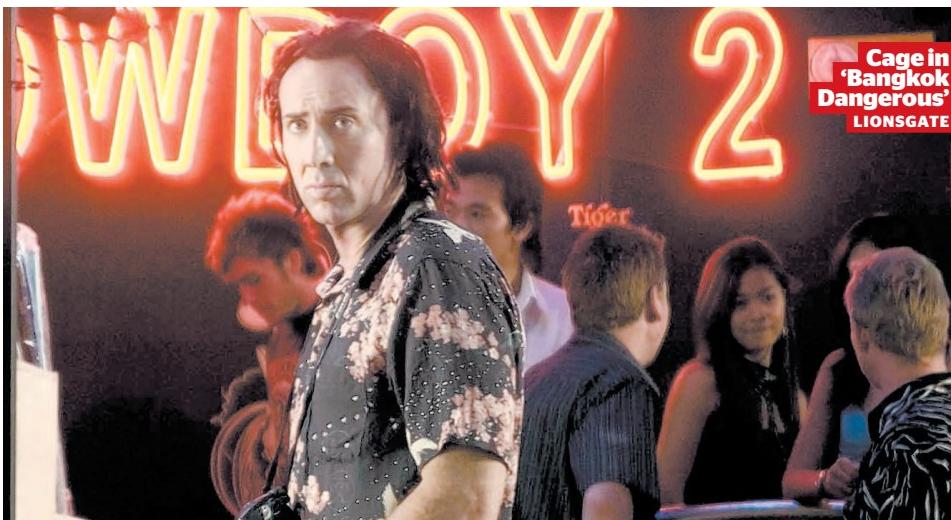
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Cage in  
'Bangkok  
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# Cage takes a risk in 'Bangkok Dangerous'

### Los Angeles Times

Nicolas Cage didn't wind up in Bangkok by accident.

As the Oscar-winning actor explains it, he wanted to shake up his image by appearing in a foreign-made film.

"On my path of film acting, I've been trying to think more and more internationally, trying to have a global mind," Cage said. "That means going to foreign countries and working with filmmakers who have a special point of view that will reinvent me in an alternative light."

Cage stars in "Bangkok Dangerous," an American remake of the Hong Kong thriller about Joe, an assassin of few words who travels to Thailand's capital to carry out a series of contract killings. Originally made in Hong Kong by siblings Danny and Oxide Pang, the action-horror hotshots responsible for the 2003 Chinese movie hit "The Eye," "Bangkok" opens Friday.

In the film, Joe falls under Bangkok's exotic thrall, drawn into a tentative romance with a comely deaf-mute pharmacy assistant. And he begins to question his isolated existence just as the mobsters who ordered his services decide to put Joe in the crosshairs.

Shot on location with a Thai crew, "Bangkok" delivers a strong sense of place—gunbattles are intercut with shots of floating lotus blooms; a high-octane boat and motorcycle chase unfolds in a picturesque "floating

### HEARD IT BEFORE

If the plot of "Bangkok Dangerous" sounds familiar to you, you may be thinking of the oh-so-sage warning in "One Night in Bangkok," Murray Head's hit 1984 electro-pop single: "One night in Bangkok and the tough guys crumble/Can't be too careful with your company."

market"; and Thailand's national symbol, the elephant, provides a recurring theme. But the filmmakers hope the movie will stand out to moviegoers by offering a kind of cultural immersion in an alternative filmic universe.

"It is an Asian movie, not an American one," said Cage, who also produced "Bangkok." "We didn't want to make any concessions to the American audience and let the Pangs do anything they could to break from the American moviemaking formula. I have no idea how it is going to connect with viewers. I place this one under the category of 'experimental.' It's one of the most unusual films I have made."

For Cage, the decision to remake "Bangkok Dangerous" was predicated on a certain "philosophical" connection to his off-camera existence.

"In my own life, I married a Korean lady," Cage said, "and I know the enchantment, bewilderment and isolation of trying to fit into a culture and not knowing how. All of those feelings are organically rolled into 'Bangkok Dangerous.'"



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# 5 for fall from 'Top Design' host India Hicks

## Associated Press

India Hicks, the new host of Bravo's "Top Design," has style in spades.

She's a model, a mother, a businesswoman and a writer. She's also a bit of a legacy: Hicks is the daughter of interior decorator David Hicks and Lady Pamela Hicks. She's made her own dent in the design world, working with partner David Flint Wood on the interior design books "Island Life: Inspirational Living" and "Island Beauty."

Asked to pick her must-haves for fall, Hicks is mindful of price. She predicts that design will become more democratic, with better mass market choices, such as those found at Target and IKEA.

"I think the 'highest end' will need to go completely over the top to justify the expense," she said in an e-mail. "The 'middle' consumer will simply be spending money on higher food and fuel costs and naturally gravitate to Target."

With that in mind, Hicks chose these must-haves for fall.



Hicks  
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## 3 Cheap-chic

For her Island Night diffuser made with Crabtree & Evelyn, Hicks says she took care to make something tasteful but affordable.

## 2 Bright colors

Happy colors are just the thing for an economic downturn, spelling an "end to the tyranny of beige good taste," Hicks says. She suggests bold paint palettes, such as Mandarine from The Little Greene Paint Co., or the "Hippie Beads" print from the David Hicks by Ashley Hicks line from Groundworks/Lee Jofa.



## 4 Getting practical

Hicks will be looking for design that is equal parts form and function, like Design With Reach's Marais high stool (left).



## 5 Day

"This company's clothes and interior objects will become right on trend as the details in their designs give you a highly personal touch and style at an accessible price range," she says. Key to the look is "bohemian softness." Check out [day.dk](#).

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The Lipstick Mystic tells Virgos to go "full speed ahead" as they consider their romantic options.

### NEXT WEEK'S CELEB BIRTHDAYS:

- >> Actor Larenz Tate is 33.
- >> Singer Pink is 29.
- >> Singer-actress Jennifer Hudson (below) is 27.



# Is he a cheating dog? Don't be catty

Put away the claws and try to move on

If you think you're not catty, take a good look at the person with whom your ex was having an affair.

I guarantee your claws will come out.

I try to be above cattiness, but I once had the opportunity to take a gander at the other woman and all of my maturity leaped away. My knee-jerk reaction was: "THAT is what you ruined our relationship over!"

In my warped, bitter mind, I measured myself against her. I imagined her to be somehow better than me, but my expectations were not met:

>> I thought she would be gorgeous. Hardly.

>> Perhaps uber-successful or brilliant? Not so much.

She was just an average woman who caught my ex's attention for whatever reason—an attraction that only he could explain.

Before anyone accuses me of being conceited, please understand the issue was much deeper than my ego. I wasn't outraged because I think I'm all that. I thought our relationship was of value to him, and I hoped he would risk it only for something magnanimous and a person that I could look at and say: "OK, I get it."

I might have felt better if she were a person with whom he felt he could have a deeper connection. As it turned out, he didn't want to pursue a long-term relationship with her. Sleeping with her from time to time suited him just fine.

So a meaningless fling was the demise of our relationship. Great.

I eventually figured out that I simply hadn't been in the right relationship. The looks of the other women were irrelevant. His attractions to them were symptoms of a bigger problem. However, as much as I've tried to domesticate my cattiness, I hate to admit that it still claws at me from time to time.

Since then, I've asked friends, family and acquaintances: If your significant other has cheated, do you want to see the person with whom they've cheated? I hear interesting responses.

One woman was painfully honest, telling me she wouldn't want to see the other woman. She confessed to having self-esteem issues that would have been exacerbated by her ex having cheated with a beautiful woman.

On the flipside, Jilted Wife is a living cliché. According to her, her ex left her for a younger, prettier woman. In retrospect, she knows that her ex-husband did her a favor by ending their shallow marriage.

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Another friend has had major emotional struggles about an ex who cheated with, and eventually married, a woman whom she considered to be, as she put it: "ugly as hell."

All of those reactions are valid; bitterness comes easily when you're brokenhearted. But you have to say buh-bye to bitterness.

We're all attracted to good-looking people, but relationships and cheating are rarely about good looks. I've had attractions to men who have left me scratching my head in amazement. It was chemistry, which is invisible.

Even if you've been cheated on with a wildebeest, don't try to figure it out or dwell on it. Exchange the hissing cat for a playful kitten, and find a person who will appreciate you.

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By: Geoffrey Urban  
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Machinist Leadman (Promotional)  
Pipfitter Foreman (Promotional)  
Pipfitter Leadman (Promotional)

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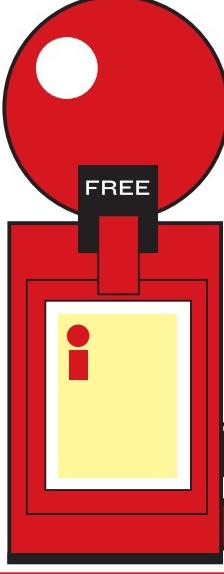




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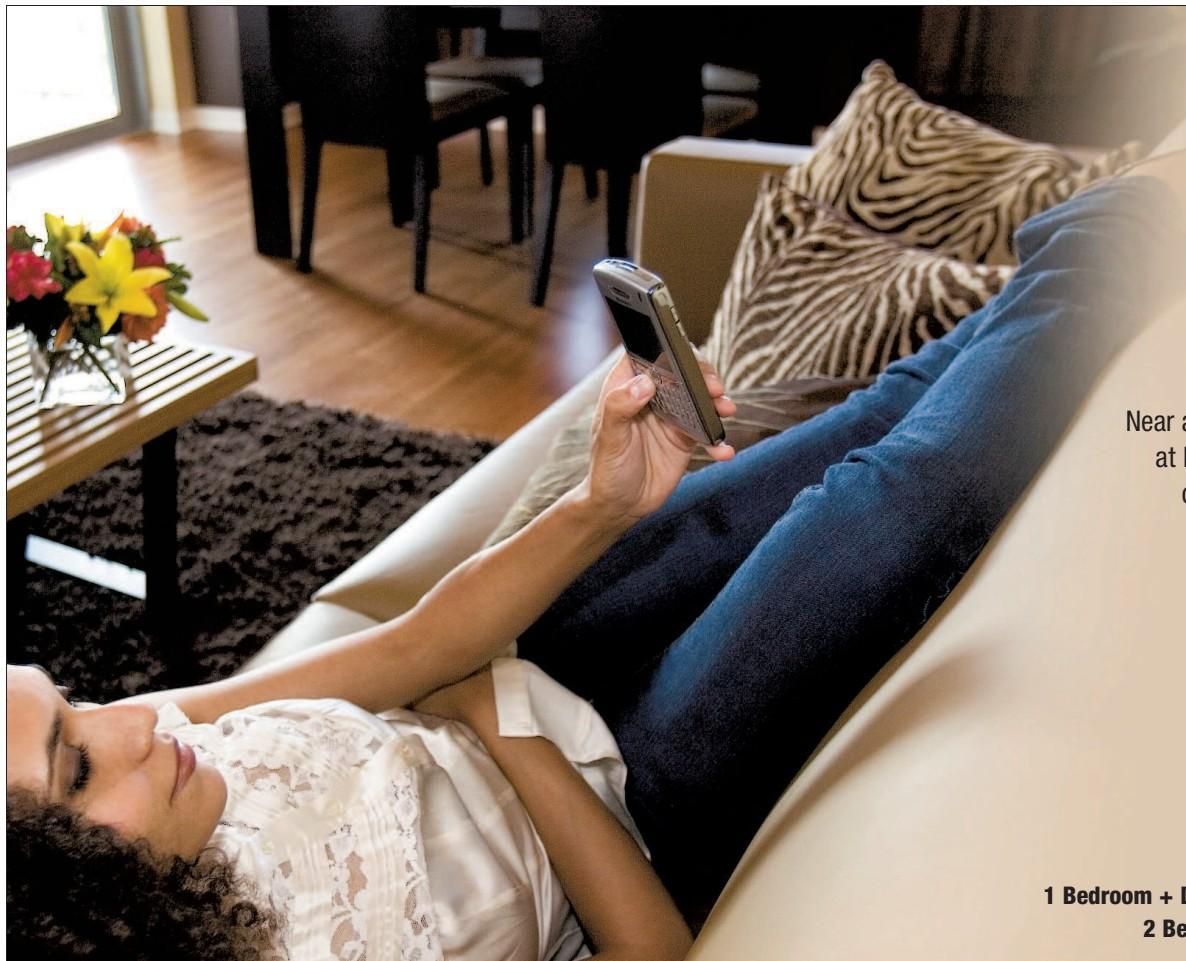
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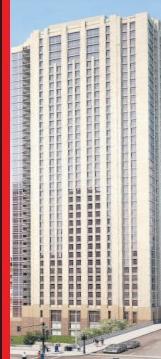


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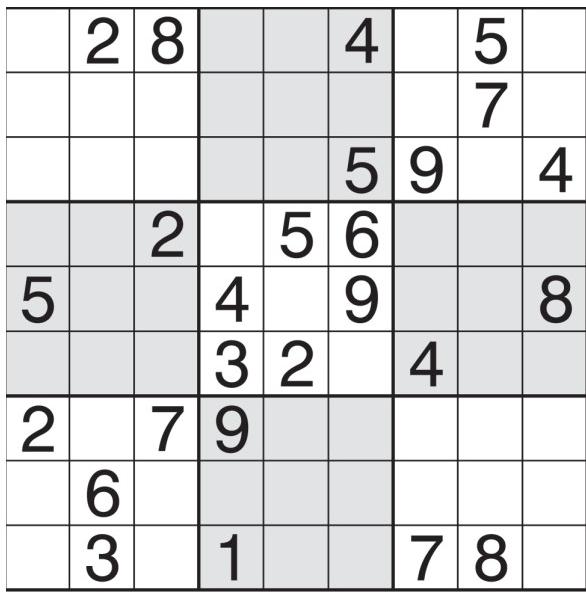
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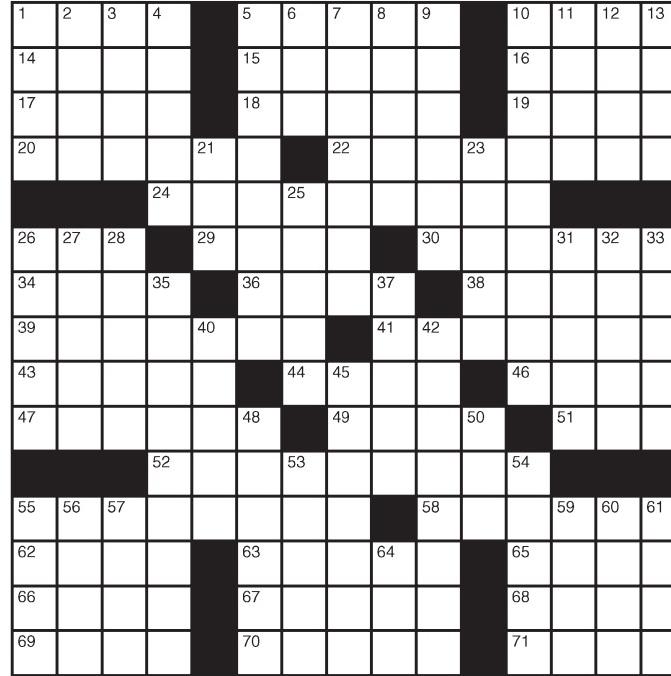
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Ferrara (from left), Dillon, Grenier, Connolly, Jeremy Piven  
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## REWIND!

Last time we hung out with the boys, movie star Vince's (Adrian Grenier) epic flick "Medellin," which had him playing Colombian gangster Pablo Escobar, flopped. Miserably. Now he's hiding out in Mexico with Turtle (Jerry Ferrara) and a harem of hotties.

Eric (Kevin Connolly), on the other hand, has seemingly moved on beyond "Medellin" and is powering ahead with his own fledgling talent agency. Drama (Kevin Dillon) has found love—remember the girl from the Cannes Film Festival?—and still is reaping the benefits of his small-screen comeback.

**DETROIT NEWS**

# Welcome to the crew

## These celebrities would be a hit on HBO's 'Entourage'

The boys are back.

After a break because of the writers' strike, Kevin Connolly, Adrian Grenier, Kevin Dillon, Jerry Ferrara and Jeremy Piven return Sunday with Season 5 of "Entourage." Will HBO's former darling be able to recoup its status as a network gem?

Well, if the old formula of landing buzzworthy cameos still works, the inside-Hollywood show could be off to a good start.

Olympic gold medalist Michael Phelps is slated to make an appearance this season—and at least one of the show's cast members has mused that he wouldn't mind having Phelps in "Entourage's" inner circle.

"I could see him coming back as one of the boys," Jeremy Piven, who plays high-strung agent Ari Gold, told People magazine during a launch party this week. "I can see Ari being very aggressive in recruiting him to represent him and also stopping at nothing to poach him from another client. That's what Ari would do."

Sounds like a winner, Ari. Here a few other folks we'd like to see hanging with the crew.

### > ATHLETES



**Kerri Walsh and Misty May-Treanor**

**Status:** Gold-medal beach volleyball players

**Bonus:** They bring their own bikinis.

### > MUSICIANS



**Britney Spears**

**Status:** Pop star/trainwreck—it just depends

**Bonus:** She'd definitely shake things up.

### > ACTORS



**Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie**

**Status:** Parents/famous people

**Bonus:** It's two cameos for the price of one!



**Lance Armstrong**

**Status:** Cyclist

**Bonus:** He's got this cameo thing down.



**Tiger Woods**

**Status:** Golf icon

**Bonus:** Endless opportunity for golf jokes.



**Lil Wayne**

**Status:** Rapper

**Bonus:** Makes show 100 percent more crunk.



**Jessica Simpson**

**Status:** Country singer, y'all

**Bonus:** Tony Romo might show up.



**Daniel Radcliffe**

**Status:** Boy wizard-turned-edgy dude

**Bonus:** Adds an element of whimsy?



**Katie Holmes**

**Status:** Broadway beginner

**Bonus:** Pegged jeans get their moment.

# Diggin' for gold?



**Bono**  
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Scratch the new U2 album off your Christmas list. Singer Bono says the album, which had been anticipated for release this fall, will now arrive sometime in 2009. "We've hit a rich songwriting vein, and we don't want to stop," Bono says on the band's Web site, [u2.com](http://u2.com), according to the L.A. Times.

"It gets a bit dark down here but looks like we've found diamonds not coal. I thought a while back we might have the album wrapped by now, but why come up above ground now if there's more priceless stuff to be found?"

Killer metaphor, dude!

## Model F.Y.I.

Listen up, potential models: There's been a change of venue for the Chicago casting call of "America's Next Top Model." The event will now take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, the CW announced Thursday in a news release. The show apparently has love for the Windy City: Past winners from the Chicago area include Jaslene Gonzalez and Adrienne Curry.

## Power couple

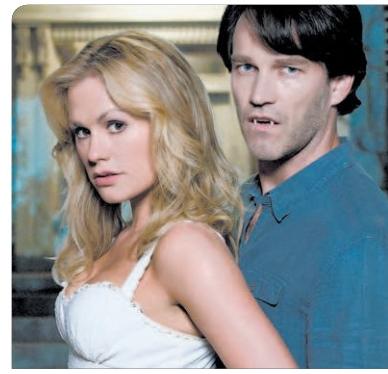
Nine is the magic number for Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie. That's where the couple landed on Vanity Fair's annual "100" list, which profiles some of the world's most influential personalities. The mag noted that—as a couple—Bradgelina's profile "as two of the most talented actors in Hollywood has largely been overshadowed by their global social activism and their iconoclastic personal lives."

## Celebrity twin

Do you look like a celebrity? Show us! Send your pic along with the name of the celeb who shares your style to [jxwalsh@tribune.com](mailto:jxwalsh@tribune.com). For Friday, we have Frank Paul. Think he's a ringer for Robert Downey Jr.? Text "frank" and the number of your opinion to 47383. You'll get the poll results instantly.

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## IN, OUT, WHATEVER



### » IN "TRUE BLOOD"

Actual line from the show: "You set up a date with a vampire? What do you have, a death wish!?"



### « OUT JONAS BROTHERS DOING

A TV SHOW ... about the Jonas Brothers? Somewhere, Disney Channel bigwigs—and tweens—are smiling.



### ▼ WHATEVER: BRIT RUSSELL BRAND HOSTING THE VMAS

He's popular across the pond, and that kind of humor always translates here, right? Right?

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Frank Paul



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# red hot

## Dressed... but not to impress

Rachel Bilson doesn't care if you don't like her outfit.

"I think it's cool to be on the worst-dressed list," the former "O.C." star tells Page Six Magazine, according to excerpts on [people.com](#). "If people aren't accepting, that's OK. Bring it on, I don't care!"

The actress, who stars in the upcoming romantic film "New York, I Love You" with boyfriend Hayden Christensen, also dishes about former "O.C." flame Adam Brody.

"They say don't date your co-star, but that's who you're around," she says. "If you're in an office, and you see someone every day and you click well, you'll start dating. It's the same thing."

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***She has a great eye, which I think I inherited from her.***

**RACHEL BILSON**  
on how her mother influenced her fashion sense



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Michael Moore will charge for online viewings of "Slacker Uprising," a documentary that chronicles Moore's 62-city tour to rally young voters for the 2004 election.

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**Beyoncé**

### Dreamgirl chasing a dream

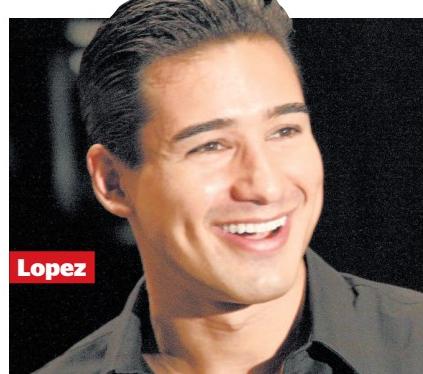
Beyoncé is super hot and super famous. But it's not enough for her. She wants more.

"I'm over being a pop star," Beyoncé tells the British edition of Marie Claire magazine, according to excerpts from "Access Hollywood."

"I don't want to be a hot girl. And I feel like I've accomplished a lot. I feel like I'm highly respected, which is more important than any award or any amount of records. And I feel like there comes a point when being a pop star is not enough."

Maybe because stars rise and fall—but icons don't?

"Being a legend, an icon, absolutely not," Beyoncé said. "And, at this point, that's what I'm trying to do."



**Lopez**

### He's got the smile

Go ahead and bare those big, beautiful, white teeth, Mario Lopez. You've just been named 2008 Male Smile of the Year by Dear Doctor—Dentistry & Oral Health magazine!

"Is there anyone with a more infectious smile than Mario Lopez?" asked Dear Doctor founder and President Dr. Mario Vilardi, according to a news release obtained by [bestweekever.tv](#).

"As a contestant on 'Dancing with the Stars' and host of 'America's Best Dance Crew,' Mario's dazzling smile and charismatic personality have lit up American homes. It's no surprise that he credits his success to his healthy lifestyle—the two are intrinsically linked."

Welcome to smile-high club, Mario. Enjoy the ride.

### VMAs' blast from the past

The stars performing at Sunday's MTV Video Music Awards keep getting brighter.

Kanye West is scheduled to close out the show, despite last year's angry outburst and pledge that he'd never return, MTV said Thursday.

Christina Aguilera also will entertain the crowd with none other than "Genie in a Bottle," one of her first singles from her pop tart days.

Speaking of pop tarts: There was more talk Thursday of Britney Spears' much-anticipated appearance at the VMAs. Host Russell Brand told Ryan Seacrest on his radio show that "she's not performing, but she's certainly doing [the show] in a professional capacity," according to [usmagazine.com](#). "She's not serving canapés or doing a bizarre haircut on herself!"

Brand also revealed during a news conference that Rihanna and T.I. will debut a duet and Katy Perry will perform Madonna's "Like a Virgin," MTV said.

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